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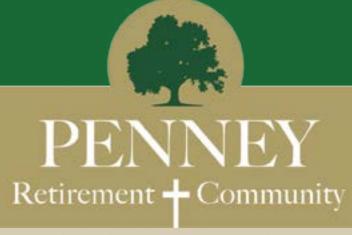


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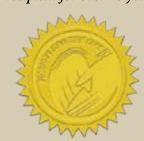


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Our growing business community and dedicated customers made 2023 BEST OF CLAY contest another success. Now in its fifth year, the number of nominees expanded to 19,581, spread among a record 269 categories. In all, we received 115,340 votes and enjoyed tremendous social media interaction. By now, we're confident you've seen our BEST OF CLAY winning stickers on the front doors of many of your favorite places.

The success of BEST OF CLAY emphasizes the importance and role of a weekly community newspaper. That's why we're proud to partner with all our readers to recognize the winners and everyone who was nominated. Congratulations to all.

Residents and readers accepted nominations from our area. It only took one nomination for a business to be listed on a ballot. Businesses and organizations that only serve Clay County were allowed to compete.

We'd like to thank everyone who voted in this year's contest. You can find the results on our website, claytodayonline.com. Annual subscriptions cost \$40 and are available at our office at 3513 U.S. Highway 17 on Fleming Island or by calling (904) 264-3200 or visiting www.claytodayonline.com.

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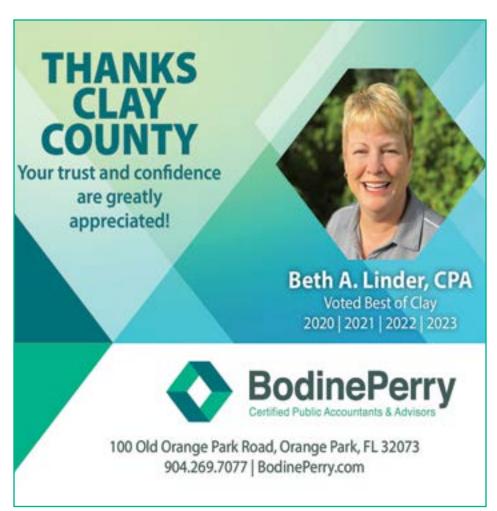
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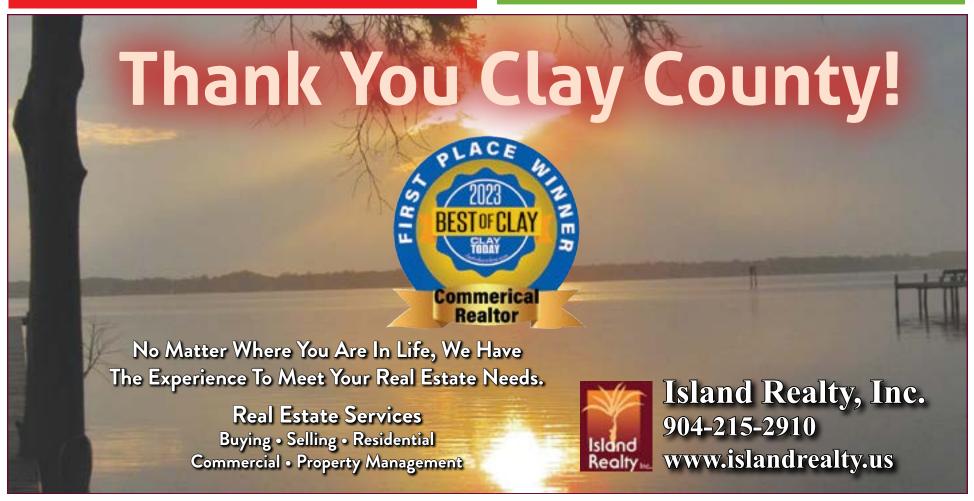
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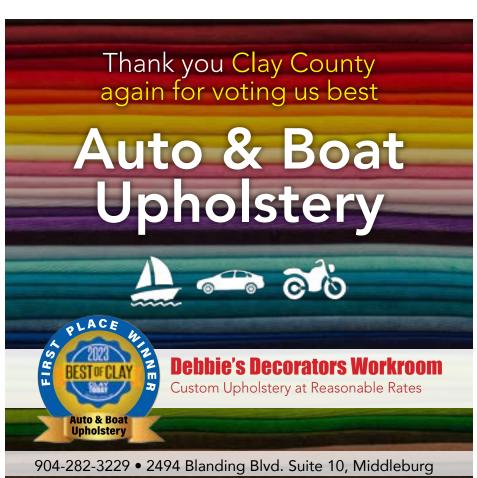




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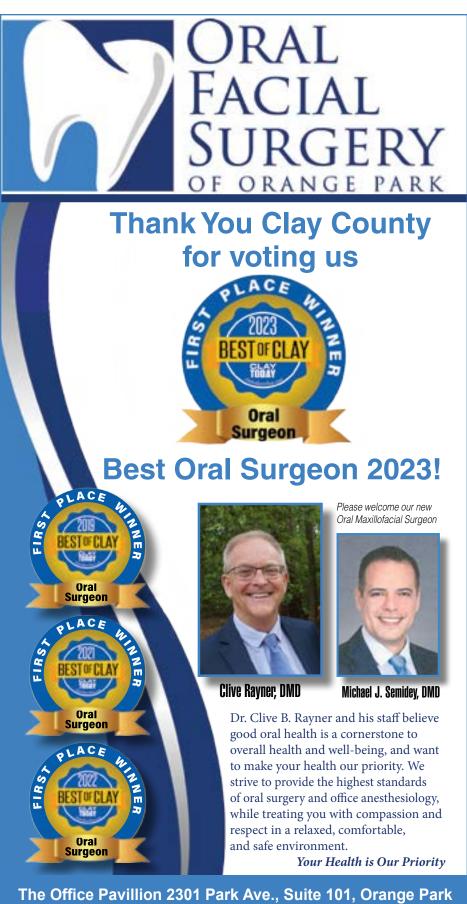


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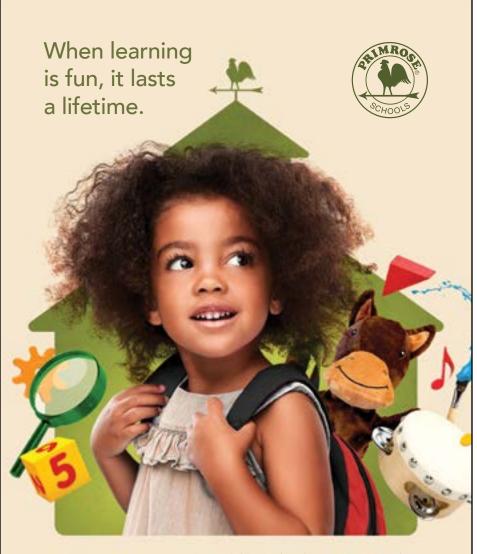
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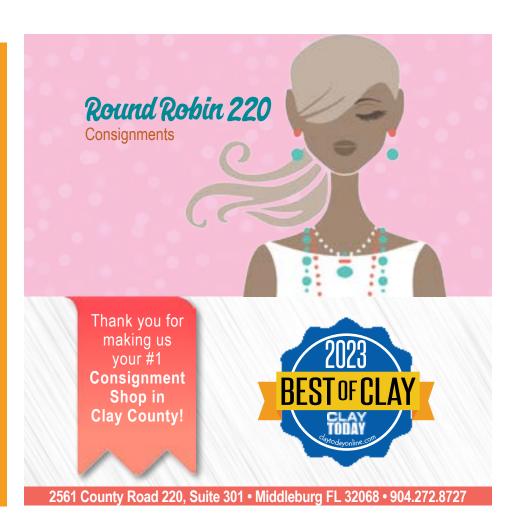
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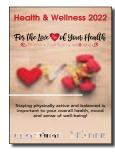
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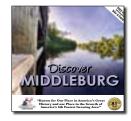




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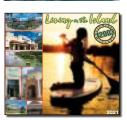
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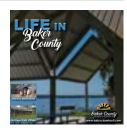
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